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BOC 101 God's Complete Plan [redacted]
Text: Romans 6:1-2

1. At Calvary, we were redeemed - cleansed - delivered - liberated BUT FROM WHAT? Hosea 4:6
   A. Majority of Christians never appropriate their Calvary inheritance beyond the forgiveness of sins for entrance into Heaven.
   B. They place the benefits of Calvary in the future and live a difficult life here, in many areas, due to lack of knowledge, commitment, and surrender.
2. Let's study all of our Inherited Benefits Christ Jesus provided for us through His Finished Work at Calvary.

I. PENALTY OF SIN - HELL
- All Christians are familiar with this blessed provision.

II. PERSON OF SIN - SATAN
1. I John 3:8 "--For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."
2. Jo. 16:11 "Of judgment, because the Prince of the World <u>is judged</u>"

III. POWER OF SIN -- SELF
1. Rom. 6:6 "Old Man" Corrupt Human Nature - The person we used to be before our conversion.
2. Rom. 6:6 "Body of Sin" - Instrument for carrying out sins orders. Channel of sins manifestation - <u>Organized</u> power acting through the members of the Body and Soul.
3. <u>Positionally</u> in God's view, this is done.
   <u>Experientially</u> it is worked out in life by the Holy Spirit.

IV. PAIN OF SIN -- SICKNESS
1. Mt. 8:17 "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."
2. I Pet. 1:24 "By whose stripes <u>Ye Were</u> Healed."
   God considers it done, we must believe and appropriate.

V. POVERTY OF SIN -- LACK AND NEED
1. Deut. 28:15-17, 29, 33, 38-40, 42-44, 48
2. Gal. 3: 13, 29

VI. PURPOSE OF SIN -- DISOBEDIENCE
1. Enables Satan to hinder, hurt, and even destroy you and yours.
2. Hinders and blocks God from working in you and for you. His legal right is cancelled.

VII. PURPOSE OF GOD
1. So we can know what our inheritance is to challenge and encourage us.
2. So we can submit to be conformed to His image in thoughts, purpose, and action.
3. So we can surrender to His service for the Glory of God's Kingdom.

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BOC POWER OVER SIN PROVIDED

Text: Romans 6:10-11

Some truth to help us walk in the victory Jesus Christ won for us.

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I. THE TRAGEDY IS GOD SAID WE ARE DEAD TO SIN, SELF, AND SATAN'S CONTROL; BUT MANY CHRISTIANS DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS STATED BECAUSE THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT.
- Rom. 6:11 "Reckon ye also yourselves to be DEAD indeed unto sin, but ALIVE unto God THROUGH Christ Jesus.
  1. Reckon is to count a thing as so on someone else's word.
  2. Reckon is an attitude of Faith, not Feeling.
  3. Reckon is a calculation based upon fact of God's Word.
  4. Reckon is Fatih's conclusion about ourselves that what God has already declared about us as fact.
  5. Reckon is refusing sin when it presents itself or appears to us; because we died to sin in Christ and its right and power to control us.

II. AS ONE MAN-- ADAM, BROUGHT US ALL INTO SIN AND SLAVERY THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE, THEN SURELY ONE MAN -- JESUS CHRIST, HAS BROUGHT US OUT BY OBEDIENCE: Rom. 5: 18-19.
- We died to God in the first Adam and died to sin in the second Adam - Jesus Christ.

III. OUR CO-CRUCIFIXION WITH CHRIST WAS AS MUCH A PART OF GOD'S PLAN AS CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION FOR CONQUEST OF SIN AND AS NECESSARY. Rom. 6:10-11
  1. Necessary for Him to die for our sins
  2. Necessary for us to die to sins control

IV. WHAT JESUS BEGAN AT CALVARY BY HIS DEATH; HE IS NOW PERFECTING BY HIS LIFE - HOLY SPIRIT IN US.
  1. Calvary was the beginning of a new life and way of life, not the end.
  2. Salvation is the doorway to a life of continuous growth and change.

V. PARTICIPATING BY FAITH IN CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION IS THE DOORWAY TO WHATEVER A CHRISTIAN DESIRES.
  1. END of a life where sin is too strong for us.
  2. BEGINNING of a life where Christ within is too strong for sin.

VI. WE ARE NOW "MUCH MORE" DEAD TO SATAN'S CONTROL THROUGH SIN AND SELF THAN WE WERE DEAD TO GOD'S CONTROL WHILE A SINNER.
  1. Rom. 8:15,17,20
  2. Sin caused us to die to God AS righteousness has caused us to die to Satan, Sin, and Self.

VII. IT IS THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST WE OWE OUR SALVATION AND THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST JESUS WE OWE THE POWER (HOLY SPIRIT) TO LIVE CHRIST LIKE.

VIII. FAST, PRAY, MEDITATE, CONFESS AND SEEK GOD AS ONLY BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT CAN ONE BE ENLIGHTENED. TO ONE'S DEATH TO SIN AND ALIVE TO CHRIST ONLY BECOME TRUTH THAT PRODUCES ABILITY TO ACCEPT THIS AS MORE THAN HEAD KNOWLEDGE OR JUST RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE.

BOC 103 Ability To Abide Assured
Text: Jo. 15: 1-8,16 & 16: 13-15

Jo. 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches"

1. Provides understanding of what it really means "Ye are the Branches". This can take away the strain and stress of life, replacing it with a relationship with Jesus, that brings spiritual fulfillment.
2. The Holy Spirit is able to empower us to live in continuous fellowship with Jesus. If He can't, then the Bible presents a life we can.
3. Let's study the tremendous benefits for us as "Branches" and as the Holy Spirit to do some Divine teaching which I am unable to do.

I. LIFE OF ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCE
   1. It grows out of the Vine, has no responsibility except to receive sap for nourishment and in due time bear fruit.
   2. Angels or the world cannot survive without utter dependence upon God alone, but after the fall, man has desired to be self-sufficient.
   3. If I am something, then God is not everything, so learning to be helpless in dependence upon God is key to Christ-like living.

II. LIFE OF DEEP RESTFULNESS
   1. The branch is not anxious in time of:
      A. Spring - As vine sends the sap for the bud & leaf.
      B. Summer - The vine brings moisture to keep fresh.
      C. Harvest - The owner came and picked grapes.
   2. If the branch could speak, it would say, "Man, I hear you are wise, strong, and can do many wonderful things, yet with all your hurry and effort; you accomplish little. I just trust, rest in the vine, wait patiently for source to bear fruit."

III. LIFE OF MUCH FRUITFULNESS
   1. Jo. 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit.
   2. Mistake is to confuse work and fruit as the same.
   3. His mighty power and great love is desiring to purge us, so he can flow out freely. - Father lead us in Jesus name.

IV. LIFE OF CLOSE COMMUNION
   1. Why is it that most look upon getting alone with God as a burden or duty, and not a joyful union for refreshing. Could it be the thoughts and demands of life appear more important and valuable?
   2. A true saying -"We prove the value to us of things, by the time we give them". Why? Let us ask ourselves.

V. LIFE OF ENTIRE SURRENDER
   1. Can you picture the branch resisting its purpose, place and role with the vine?
   2. Can you picture the branch giving the vine its opinion and ideas about the sap supply and fruit-bearing?
   3. Root Problem: We seek God's blessings while we live our Christian life according to our own desires and plans while asking for His "stamp" of approval.
   4. Hinderance: We are surrounded by so much worldliness at home, work, and even church; until we grow use to it, to tolerate and even accept it as the norm.

VI. LIFE OF FULFILLMENT
   1. As Christ Jesus, our example and pattern, found happiness, joy and victory in living entirely for God, so must we. -Not my will, but Thine be done.
   2. There is not another way, but Christians unsuccessfully continue to try to find another, easier, or more acceptable way -- which still ends in failure.
   3. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the light."

BOC 104 Potential Absolute Surrender

Text: I Kings 20:1-4, Luke 22:42, John 4:34

1. I Kings 20:1-4 "My Lord, O King, according to Thy saying, I am Thine, and all that I have. - King of Syria ask for absolute surrneder and Ahab gave him what he asked for."
2. Luke 22:42 "Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done." John 4:34 "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me (saved or called me)."
3. Godly Christian leader in Scotland said "The main need in a Christian's life is "Absolute Surrender to God" which is His word. Absolute Surrender are two words most run from or reject.
4. Many, for fear of failure, fear or not really being willing, lack of desire, past failures and unable to handle Satan's condemnation; start and stop or never start..
5. Praise God some do and all CAN, so let's study some truths to challenge and encourage us to "Absolute Surrender".

I. GOD"S SIDE OF ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

1. God's Nature Requires It--Abosolute Surrender:
   A. He cannot do otherwise or claim less from His children.
   B. Everything that is totally given over, surrendered to God, He is able to work into it, His nature.
   - stars, moon, sun, trees, flowers, soil, grass
   C. God delights and desires to communicate Himself fully to every yielded, and surrendered believer.
2. God alone, can make absolute surrender possible:
   Phil. 2:13 "It is God that worketh in us, both to will and do His good pleasure."
   A. God does not ask absolute surrender by our strength, as He realizes our old carnal nature makes it impossible.
   B. Our delight and desire to please ourselves - The flesh rules most.
   C. Bible examples from Genesis to Revelation says "Yes, with God, all things are possible."
   D. He who lived a life of absolute surrender, is living in every believer's heart, by His Holy Spirit.
3. God accepts all offers of surrender:
   A. Come as you are with all fears, uncertainities, lack of determination and knowledge of past failures and say "Lord, I yield myself in absolute surrender to God."
   B. God works in the secret of our hearts, urges and encourages us by His mighty Holy Spirit to believe we can be changed.
   C. Be occupied with God, His plan and power, not your inabilities. He will do all for His.
4. God maintains the life of absolute surrender.
   - This is what must be recalled to our memory daily. It is His work and power that enables us to even consider absolute, much less continue therein.

II. MAN'S SIDE OF ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

1. Do what God wants - Offer yourself to Him for absolute surrender to God's will.
   A. Confess and expect God to bring it about progressively in life.
   B. Say "By your grace I desire to do your will in everything.
2. Remain patient and faithful, so God can work in us to will and do His good pleasure. He wants to work a deeper work in us than our minds can conceive.-- Give Him a chance.
3. God always blesses anyone who gives up their life for His ways. Expect absolute surrender to bring great blessings.
   A. Yes, attacks and problems, but He is greater.
   B. Faithful is He to guide and train those submitted to His work in reaching others.